

Wambaya language

Wambaya is a Non-Pama-Nyungan West Barkly Australian language of the Mirndi language group^[4] that is spoken in the Barkly Tableland of the Northern Territory, Australia.^[5] Wambaya and the other members of the West Barkly languages are somewhat unusual in that they are suffixing languages, unlike most Non-Pama-Nyungan languages which are prefixing.^[4]

The language was reported to have 12 speakers in 1981, and some reports indicate that the language went extinct as a first language.^[6] However, in the 2011 Australian census 56 people stated that they speak Wambaya at home.^[7] That number increased to 61 in the 2016 Census.^[8]

Rachel Nordlinger notes that the speech of the Wambaya, Gudanji and Binbinka people "are clearly dialects" of a single language, which she calls "McArthur", while Ngarnga is closely related but is "probably best considered a language of its own".^[9]

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Wambaya	
McArthur River	
Native to	Australia
Region	Barkly Tableland, Northern Territory
Ethnicity	Wambaya, Gudanji, Binbinga
Native speakers	61 (2016 census) ^[1]
Language family	Mirndi <ul style="list-style-type: none">Ngurlun<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wambaya
Dialects	Wambaya Gudanji Binbinka
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Either: wmb – Wambaya nji – Gudanji
Glottolog	wamb1258 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languageoid/id/wamb1258) ^[2]
AIATSIS ^[3]	C19 (https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/austlang/language/C19) Wambaya, C26 (https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/austlang/language/C26) Gurdanji, N138 (https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/austlang/language/N138) Binbinga

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External links

- Bibliography of Binbinga people and language resources (http://aiatsis.gov.au/sites/default/files/docs/collections/language_bibs/binbinga.pdf), at the [Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies](#)
- Bibliography of Gudanji people and language resources (http://aiatsis.gov.au/sites/default/files/gurdanji_kurdanji_gudanji.pdf), at the [Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies](#)

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